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(54) **Recording apparatus and discharge recovery method.**

(57) A recording apparatus is disclosed for recording by using a recording head (101) for discharging ink from discharge ports (101b) to record onto a recording medium. The recording apparatus comprises a platen (203) provided in opposed relationship with the discharge ports (101b), holding means (241) for holding the platen (203) such that it is capable of leaving the position opposed to the discharge ports (101b), and drive means (241A) for driving the holding means (241) to cause the platen (203) to leave the opposed position. Further, a discharge recovery

method is described for recovering the recording head (101), which method comprises the steps of retracting the platen (203) provided at a position opposite to the discharge ports (101b) of the recording head (101) from this position, and opposing a discharge recovery mechanism (234) to the discharge ports (101b), wherein the recording head (101) is approached relative to the recovery mechanism (234) to recover the discharge of the recording head (101).

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FIG.18A

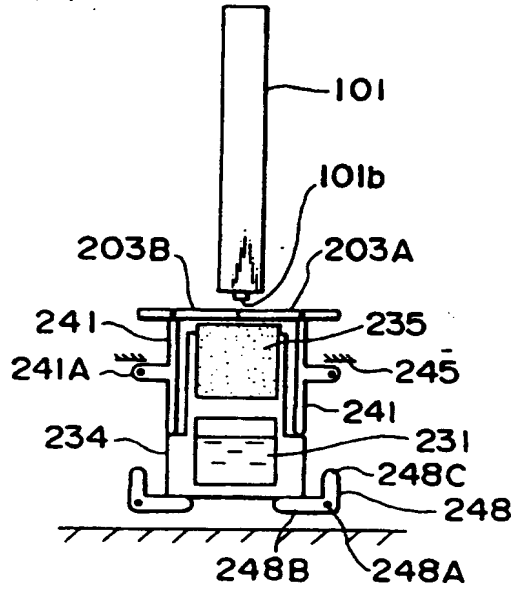
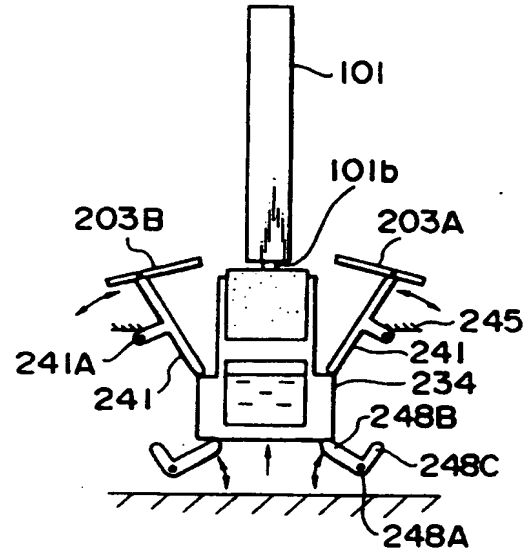


FIG.18B





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